

COMMON COUNCIL

January 10, 2022

The Common Council met in a regular meeting on January 10, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers, 301 East Clinton Street, Frankfort, Indiana.

Mayor Judy Sheets called the meeting to order and led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following members were present: Mayor Judy Sheets, Brandt Fuller, Joe Palmer, Megan Sheets, Clarence Warthan, and Eric Woods. Also present were Clerk-Treasurer Carol Bartley and City Attorney Les Bergum. Steve Beardsley and Mike Brite were absent.

MINUTES: The minutes for the December 28, 2021, regular meeting were presented. Councilmember Sheets made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 28, 2021 meeting, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Warthan abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS

Councilmember Sheets made a motion to appoint Councilmember Eric Woods as president pro tem for 2022, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Woods abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Sheets asked the council to maintain the same members of the councilmatic committees for 2022. The council did not have any objections and agreed by consensus.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to retain Councilmember Woods as the representative for partners in progress, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to retain Councilmember Sheets on the City Planning Commission, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Sheets abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to retain Councilmember Sheets and Councilmember Beardsley on the insurance committee, seconded by Councilmember Warthan. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Sheets abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Warthan made a motion to retain Councilmember Brite on the Economic Development Commission, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, five ayes were recorded. Motion carried 5-0.

Councilmember Woods informed the council that Councilmember Brite would like to join the redevelopment commission and Todd Corrie is willing to step aside. Councilmember Woods made a

motion to place Councilmember Brite on the redevelopment commission and retain Councilmember Palmer, seconded by Councilmember Sheets. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Palmer abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Palmer made a motion to retain Councilmember Warthan for the solid waste district position, seconded by Councilmember Woods. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Warthan abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Councilmember Woods made a motion to retain Councilmember Warthan on the North Central Indiana Regional planning council, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Upon a roll call vote, four ayes were recorded. Councilmember Warthan abstained. Motion carried 4-0.

Mayor Sheets informed the council that they were invited to attend the ceremony to install the plaque designating TPA Park as a national historic location at the park office on January 12, 2022, at 1 P.M.

Street Department Superintendent Jason Forsythe addressed the council regarding staffing difficulties within his department. He would like to have three full-time sanitation employees instead of having five part-time positions. Jerry Hickman and Mickey Bell from Reedy Financial also addressed the council and discussed additional appropriations necessary to offset an increase in dump fees. The council had a discussion and agreed by consensus to amend the salary ordinance to give the sanitation department three full-time employees. The changes and appropriations necessary will be presented at a future council meeting.

Mr. Forsythe also updated the council on the paving projects for 2022 and advised them that the bid for all twenty-three paving projects had been awarded to Reith Riley. A list of all the paving projects will be posted on the city website. He is also in the process of applying for the Community Crossings Grant for 2022 in hopes of increasing the amount of paving money to approximately 1,500,000.000.

The council proposed adding work sessions on the odd calendar months beginning in March. Councilmember Woods proposed adding the annexation plan to the work sessions and the council agreed by consensus.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Council, Councilmember Sheets moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilmember Palmer. Mayor Sheets adjourned the meeting at 7:50 P.M.